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AL-HINAI, NEW AMBASSADOR OF OMAN TO THE U.S.

REFS: (A) STATE 105692; (B) MUSCAT 762

1. THIS EMBASSY HAS HAD NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT WITH
AMBASSADOR AL-HINAI SINCE HE PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS ON
SEPTEMBER 23, 1976. FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS AND A GENERALLY
RELIABLE SOURCE WITH GOOD CONTACTS IN THE LOCAL ARAB
COMMUNITY, WE HAVE GATHERED THE FOLLOWING DATA TO SUPPLE-
MENT THE PORTRAIT IN REF B.

2. AL-HINAI COMES FROM A WEALTHY OMANI FAMILY WHICH
MOVED TO EAST AFRICA YEARS AGO. HE WAS BORN IN MOMBASA
AND STUDIED AT VICTORIA COLLEGE IN CAIRO, WHERE HE WAS
REPORTEDLY A CLASSMATE OF KING HUSSEIN. AL-HINAI SUB-
SEQUENTLY STUDIED LAW, POLITICAL SCIENCE, AND LANGUAGES
AT OXFORD. WHILE IN ENGLAND, HE BECAME FRIENDLY WITH
QABUS, THE SON OF THE FORMER SULTAN.

3. AL-HINAI INITIALLY JOINED THE KENYAN FOREIGN SERVICE.
HE SERVED AT THE KENYAN EMBASSY IN BONN IN 1967, AND HE
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WAS AT ONE POINT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL IN THE NAIROBI FOREIGN
OFFICE. IN 1975, DURING HIS TENURE AS KENYAN AMBASS-
ADOR TO CAIRO, AL-HINAI DECIDED TO RETURN TO OMAN AND
JOIN THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF SULTAN QABUS.

4. AMBASSADOR AL-HINAI AND HIS WIFE HAVE THREE CHILDREN.
THEY LEAD AN ACTIVE SOCIAL LIFE IN BONN AND ARE POPULAR

IN THE ARAB COMMUNITY. HE REPORTEDLY SPEAKS ENGLISH,
FRENCH, SWAHILI, AND SOME GERMAN, IN ADDITION TO ARABIC.
AL-HINAI CLAIMS AN INTEREST IN MANY SPORTS: SWIMMING,
TENNIS, WATER SKIING, BADMINTON, AND GOLF. HE ALSO
PROFESSES TO BE A BUFF OF SPY NOVELS AND A DO-IT-YOURSELF
HOME REPAIRMAN.
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